(b) The details of the discussions held between the envoys of the two Governments are of a sensitive nature and it would not be in the public interest to reveal details at this stage when dialogue is in progress between the parties concerned.

(c) Government are awaiting the outcome of the current discussions between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Tamil United Liberation Front.

Review of textile policy

257. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Mnister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the working of the textile policy announced a year ago so that the handloom industry in the country may not suffer as reported in Indian Express of the 12th June, 1986;

(b) if so, by when the review report on the working of the textile policy will be announced; and

(c) to what extent the handloom industry in the country will be benefited after this review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) Government have been reviewing from time to time the implementation and impact of the textile policy announced in June, 1985 and appropriate steps are taken for the benefits and harmonious growth of the various sectors of the textile industry, including handoom sector.

Working conditions for the workers engaged in Stone-Quarries of Ramganj Mandi, Kota

258. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Quarrying a heap of misery" which appeared in the Times of India of 24th June, 1986 highlighting the inhuman working condition under which thousands of labourers, many of whom are bonded, are required to work at the stone quarries of Ramganj Mandi (Kota) and gross violation of the minimum wages and statutory obligations regarding working hours and social security has been made by the contractors; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The required information is being collected and on receipt, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Classified Information on Prime Minister's visit to U.K.

259. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the course of committal proceedings in the court of a Magistrate in Leicester in Midlands, it was revealed that classified information with regard to Prime Minister's visit was disclosed to the extremists plotting to assassinate him by their contact inside the Indian High Commission, London;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) During the legal proceedings in the U. K. Court, it was revealed that one of the accused in the conspiracy to assassinate the Indian Prime Minister is alleged to have mentioned to British undercover police officers that he was in a position to secure the programme of the Prime Minister through his friends in the Indian High

Commission. According to the U. K. authorities, there is no evidence in this regard, and it is possible that the accused may have been trying to impress the under-cover officers.

(b) and (c) Enquiries reveal that no official in the High Commission of India had divulged any information to extremists.

Regional Rural Banks

260. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Regional Rural Banks have demanded structural changes in the present set up of the Regional Rural Banks and parity in pay-structure with commercial banks;

(b) whether it is a fact that these Regional Rural Banks have multi-agency ownership; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to streamline the working of these banks alongwith other commercial banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of Section (6) of Regional Rural Banks Act 1976 fifty per cent of the issued share capital of Regional Rural Bank shall be subscribed by the Central Government, fifteen per cent by the Concerned State Government and thirty five percent by the sponsor bank.

(c) Government had constituted a Working Group in August, 1984 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Banking) to make appropriate recommendation on various aspects including streamlining of working of the Regional Rural Bank. The recommendations of the Working Group are under scrutiny.

Deposits with the Nationalised Banks

261. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the deposits with the nationalised commercial banks at the end of 31st December, 1985 and as at the end of June, 1986;

(b) whether Government are aware of large scale window dressing made in various banks in order to boost up the deposit figures;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the various unethical practices being adopted by the management of the banks only to present a wrong picture of the working of banks; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a Parliamentary Committee to go into the working of the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to provisional data available from Reserve Bank of India the deposits (excluding inter-bank) of public sector banks stood at Rs. 76763 crores as on 27-12-1985 and Rs. 78999 crores as on 6-6-1986.

(b) to (d) Reserve Bank of India has been repeatedly emphasising upon banks to effectively curb the practice of window-dressing, and have advised banks to instruct their Branch Managers|Agents and other officers that they should not adopt methods to inflate figures of deposits, advances etc. Reserve Bank of India has directed that deterent disciplinary action should be taken against the officials who disregard this advice. Moreover, in order to guard artificial inflation of deposit figures Reserve Bank of India has advised banks to indicate average growth of deposits etc. in their annual reports and other publications and as such the performance is judged as on various dates. Besides, during the course of inspection of banks, Reserve Bank of India's inspecting officers look into this aspect also.

Export of tea

262. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Government of India enterprises|undertakings dealing